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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6543

BILL NUMBER: HB 1070

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 22, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bischoff

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill changes the Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage (the Barn) to a corporate body separate from the state. The bill specifies that the Center's assets, appropriations, fund balances, and liabilities are not affected by the conversion. The bill specifies that the members of the Center's board of trustees remain trustees. The bill establishes certain personnel policies. It also provides an exemption to the Center from the law concerning certain public works contracts, policies, and practices.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage (the Barn):* Changing the status of the Barn to a corporate body is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact on the state or the Barn. The Barn reports that the change in status could provide the Center with administrative efficiencies and facilitate its current and pending linkages with the State Fair Commission, another corporate body.

The bill specifies that all assets, appropriations, fund balances, and liabilities of the Barn are not affected by the change in the Barn's status.

Operational funding for the Barn currently is provided with funds raised through its associated nonprofit entity. Since its inception, the Barn has not received a state appropriation for its operational costs. While Barn employees may continue to participate in the state's health and retirement benefit systems, all costs are, and will continue to be, borne by the Barn. Recently, the Barn and the State Fair Commission entered a service agreement with the Barn to fund services related to agricultural education, tourism, and business development from January 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004. (At present, the agreement is being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office.)

Department of Administration: The bill will allow the Barn to procure supplies and services outside of the authority of the Department of Administration and the procedures described in IC 4-13.6. Any reduction in the Department's workload as a result of the provision would be negligible.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage; Department of Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

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